

Pat Walker has received many awards in recognition of her philanthropy, including the 2002 American Heart Association Tiffany Award, the Distinguished Services Award from the Razorback Foundation, the prestigious Arkansas Children's Award, and the University of Arkansas Medical School Distinguished Services Award. She has been recognized as one of the Most Distinguished Women in Arkansas and was named to the Top 100 Women in Arkansas list by Arkansas Business in 1999.

The Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation has made countless donations over the years, including millions to educational institutions in Arkansas, millions to healthcare research and community health centers in Arkansas, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars to build libraries in Arkansas.

I would like to personally thank Mrs. Walker and the members of the Walker family for their unwavering support of the State of Arkansas. It is an honor to stand here before you today and wish such a remarkable person a happy birthday.●

F-117'S ARRIVAL AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the arrival of the first F-117 Nighthawk fighters at Holloman Air Force Base, NM, 15 years ago today.

On May 9, 1992, with the arrival of its first four F-117s at Holloman Air Force Base, the 49th fighter wing became the sole operator of the F-117. The F-117 was the world's first stealth aircraft and is still one of the world's most advanced fighters. Since that date the men and women of the 49th have flown the F-117 with distinction throughout the world. In 1999 the F-117s of the 49th deployed in support of Operation Allied Force, and flew more than 1,000 missions against heavily defended targets in Serbia. The 49th also played a key role in the opening hours of Operation Iraqi Freedom, attacking critical leadership targets.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those at Holloman for keeping the F-117 flying, and for their service to our Nation. I am proud New Mexico has been the home to this amazing aircraft and the outstanding individuals who fly them.●

CONGRATULATING DALE B. ENGQUIST

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate fellow Hoosier Dale B. Engquist who will be recognized today with the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award honoring his leadership with the National Park Service as superintendent of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Under Dale's leadership the Lakeshore has undergone remarkable changes, including a 15 percent in-

crease in the size of the area being preserved. Dale has also developed an environmental education program that currently serves over 35,000 students per year. Recently Dale worked closely with local and State leaders to design and build the new Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center, a shared resource which welcomes the two million visitors from Indiana and across the nation who come each year to learn about and enjoy the precious natural ecosystem along the southern tip of Lake Michigan which spans northwest Indiana.

I look forward to each opportunity to be with Dale and to learn about the many initiatives he and his staff have undertaken to preserve and share the spectacular beauty of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. I am certain that in the coming years the staff of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will continue Dale's important work to preserve this resource for generations to come.

I congratulate Dale on his recent retirement following a career dedicated to public service, and wish him and his wife JoAnn good health and happiness as they embark upon this new chapter in their lives, together.●

CONGRATULATING ALBERT YARNELL

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, in 1932 Ray Yarnell bought a bankrupt dairy in Searcy, AR, and created the Yarnell Ice Cream Company. At the time, there were 43 ice cream companies in business in Arkansas.

Ray's son Albert began working for the company at the age of 12, riding his bicycle to deliver bills. During World War II, Albert Yarnell left to serve his country as a member of the Army Signal Corps. After his service, he studied dairy production at the University of Missouri and returned to work at the Yarnell Ice Cream Company in 1948. With the passing of his father in 1974, Albert Yarnell became the president of the company. In 1978, he personally created the Nation's first all-natural ice milk, and after becoming chairman of the company in 1985, he led the team that invented the Nation's first non-fat, no-sugar-added ice cream in 1990. He is affectionately known in his hometown of Searcy and at the company as "Mr. Albert."

A very successful family business, the Yarnell Ice Cream Company now stands as the only remaining ice cream producer in Arkansas. Albert's son Rogers is the current president of the company and Albert's granddaughter Christina is the treasurer. Albert and his wife Doris both contribute to and are deeply respected in the community they have called home for so many years. Mr. Yarnell also serves on several boards, including Main Street Searcy, the Baptist Health Corporation, the Searcy Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce.

Earlier this year, Albert Yarnell was inducted into the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame. He joins other distinguished members such as Sam Walton, Jackson Stephens, Don Tyson, and J.B. Hunt.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating both Albert Yarnell, the patriarch of the Ice Cream Industry, and the Yarnell Ice Cream Company on the company's 75th anniversary.●

HONORING THE INN AT LONG SANDS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor and recognize a small business from my home State that has triumphed over adversity in the wake of several major coastal storms. The Inn at Long Sands in York Beach, ME, suffered extensive damage as the result of a devastating storm on Mother's Day weekend of May 2006. With Memorial Day weekend approaching, signaling the unofficial beginning of summer—a busy time for York County's tourism industry—Arline Shea, the Inn's co-owner watched countless hotel and meal reservations get washed away. As a result of the storm, the Inn sustained over \$100,000 in damage. This was not a welcome beginning for Arline, who had just purchased the Inn in February 2006.

Although the storm dealt Arline a heavy blow, she exemplified Maine's entrepreneurial spirit by reopening in a matter of weeks. To recover from the damage the Inn had sustained, Arline wisely made good use of the tools available to small businesses in the wake of disasters. She contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration to find out what kinds of assistance she would be able to receive. Arline's exemplary decision to find out what help was available to her, along with her hard work and dedication, allowed her to reopen the Inn and Long Sands in time for last year's Fourth of July holiday.

Despite all of the tragedy that befell Arline Shea and her employees, her optimistic spirit shined through just a month following the storm, when the Portsmouth Herald interviewed her for a story on the recovery from the storm. "Nobody died," Arline said. "We all have our health. That and the ice cream cone I have every day from the Village Scoop helps," she added with good humor. Arline displayed an entrepreneurial spirit, combined with a sense of humor, that allowed her to prevail following the devastation.

Unfortunately, the nightmare did not stop there for Arline. Just last month, Maine suffered, as did most of the east coast, a crippling storm, known to Mainers as the "Patriots Day Storm." This time, however, Arline was prepared for the storm, with sandbags and new sump pumps. Because of the lessons learned—and her preparation—Arline sustained minimal damage from

a storm that caused major flooding in most parts of the country, and certainly across Maine.

While countless Maine businesses have overcome obstacles and succeeded, Arline's story sticks out as an outstanding example to all Maine business owners. Shortly after purchasing the Inn, Arline's father passed away. She rebounded from this personal tragedy, and from the disaster that beset her business, by utilizing the resources available to her, maintaining an optimistic spirit, and learning how to deal with disaster in the process. Arline's inspiring example shows all Maine business owners that they can persevere from any challenge that they face.

And so, I want to congratulate Arline Shea and the Inn at Long Sands for providing small businesses with a beacon to look forward to. She is truly a small business owner of whom we are all so proud. We wish her future success and offer her, and all of Maine's small businesses, our complete assistance. Maine, and indeed the nation, can benefit from Arline Shea's optimism, determination, and entrepreneurship.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE BLOCKING OF PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITING THE EXPORTATION AND REEXPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS TO SYRIA AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13338 OF MAY 11, 2004—PM 12

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides

for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2007.

The actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, interfering in Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining United States and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared with respect to this threat and to maintain in force the sanctions I have ordered to address this national emergency.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 8, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrent of the Senate:

H.R. 1294. An act to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

H.R. 1595. An act to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission.

H.R. 2080. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform to the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1025. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1294. An act to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1595. An act to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2080. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform to the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

S. 1348. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-1875. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill that would reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to provide equitable funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the operation of quality affordable housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 45

Whereas, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities are essential in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is home to 90 public housing authorities serving an estimated 245,819 residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and